

30 Years—For What?
You Can't Deport Ideas.
Oasis North and South.
To Subsidize Children.

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A boy sixteen years old, Steve Wiszak, was sentenced yesterday to thirty years in prison for murder in the second degree. The said it was said, "but," said we can't shut our eyes to the fact that you have been associated with a dangerous element."

What about shutting your eyes to the fact that a boy of sixteen is sent to prison for thirty years as a result of his environment? Who is responsible for the fact that there existed "a dangerous element" ready to contaminate a boy of sixteen?

In decent surroundings, protected from the "dangerous element," the boy might have grown to useful manhood. Now, thirty years of prison will make him a dangerous enemy of society. Is that the best that "civilization" can do to protect itself, and to stone for the fact that its incompetency permits the corrupting influence of a "dangerous element?"

You think it is all over, and suddenly it isn't. The Supreme Court now orders the Government to show cause, on January 16, why Rhode Island and New Jersey should not be allowed to prove that prohibition is unconstitutional.

This may mean delay, litigation, extending beyond January 16, the dead line of dryness. It may make of New Jersey and Rhode Island, for awhile, the happy wet spots. In the long run, however, prohibition will win.

Meanwhile, Cuba is preparing to be the little oasis across the blue water. They are spending millions to make the oasis attractive, with fine hotels, casinos where you may bet your money, while the learned person mixes your drink. Millions of gallons of whiskey will be sent. There will be the southern winter resort of the thirsty.

And to the North, in Canada, where it is pleasant in summer and winter, they have taken off the laws against horse racing, and whiskey. Americans who combine prosperity with thirst need only travel a little, North and South, summer and winter.

Miss Emma Goldman and Mr. Berkman, anarchists and willing to have you know it, are somewhere on the bounding deep, shipped away on a United States Government boat, with others who think they could manufacture a better world than this.

In these days, what happens to 249 out of fifteen hundred millions on earth is probably not important. But the Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, who preaches in one of New York city's nicest Fifth avenue churches, says the sailing away of these anarchists will make history as important as the arrival of the Mayflower's Puritans.

Nobody need sympathize much with the 249 exiles, for they really like anarchy and excitement, and they are bound for Russia.

Mr. Grant, to use the slang of the day, utters a reverend "mouthful" when he says: "You may deport three hundred or three millions and think you are going to deport ideas, but you are not."

Sending away 249 radical ladies and gentlemen as a solution of "social unrest" is a good deal like cutting out one smallpox pustule to get rid of a smallpox epidemic.

When you read about a United States transport coming in with a lot of men shot and a lot of others in irons, and a general state of mutiny, and when you read in your morning's paper about a radical mob rioting at the United States Barge Office, you realize that it would take a good many Government ships to get rid of radicalism and those supporting it. Find out what is the matter and fix that.

News comes from New South Wales that the government proposes to subsidize children more than two in any family. There might be more in that idea than in the idea of exporting radicalism, which is a good deal like comic opera. It suggests shipping snow out of the country to get rid of cold weather, or the ancient gentleman's plan of having the sea whipped because it was not quiet enough to suit him.

They are wise in England. There you may SAY what you like, THINK what you like. They will give you room in Hyde Park to tell all about it. But when you begin to DO things, changing violent ideas into violent acts, they attend to you rapidly.

And outside of Ireland Great Britain has been less troubled by radical action than any other part of the world. They know that with men, as with engines, it is important to make some arrangement for letting off steam.

WEATHER:
Partly cloudy tonight; tomorrow unsettled. Not much change in temperature. Temperature at 8 a. m., 20 degrees.

"Soviet Ark" Bound for Finland, Second Shipload of Deported Reds to Follow

PRESIDENT YIELDS ON RESERVATION TO LEAGUE

Lloyd George's "Home Rule" Policy Unacceptable to Sinn Fein and Carsonites

FINNISH PORT FOR 'RED' ARK

Transport Will Land Radicals at Helsingfors or Hango, Reports State.

TO BE WELL SAFEGUARDED

Anarchists Will Be Delivered in Lenine Territory, to Spare Lives.

Alexander Stocklitzky, considered next to Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman the most dangerous radical in the United States, has escaped and is now at large, it was learned at the Department of Justice today.

Stocklitzky was scheduled to go back to Russia on the Buford Sunday. When officials of the Department of Labor notified the Department of Justice that they were ready to deport Stocklitzky, he jumped his bond and all efforts by the Department of Justice to find him have failed.

The transport Buford, known as the "Soviet Ark," which is carrying 249 reds back to Europe, will land them at either Helsingfors or Hango, Finland, from where they will be taken by train to the Russian border, it was learned from authoritative unofficial sources here today.

Finn's to Be Guards.

The Finnish government is understood to have agreed to co-operate with American officials in getting the reds safely back to Russia. Both Hango and Helsingfors are just off the Baltic sea, which is still open to navigation. Petrograd, being far back in the Gulf of Finland, is believed to be ice-bound now.

Armored trains will be waiting at one of the Finnish ports, depending on which is the more accessible. The reds will there be turned over to the American military guard to Finnish soldiers, who will escort them to the border of Bolshevik Russia.

It is understood that the deported (Continued on Page 3, Column 4.)

TUMULTU RUNS U. S. SHERMAN CHARGES

President's Secretary Governs as Regent While Chief Executive Is Ill.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 23.—According to the Hartford Courant, a Republican organ, Senator Lawrence J. Sherman of Illinois, who spoke here last night under the auspices of the manufacturers association of Hartford county, declared in an interview last night:

"Tumult is running the United States today. President Wilson's physical condition is such that he must not be disturbed with matters of moment and we are being governed by a regency like they used to have in England when the King was incapacitated."

KILLED IN PISTOL DUEL WITNESSED BY FIANCEE

ANNISTON, Ala., Dec. 23.—In a pistol duel fought in the presence of the girl he was soon to marry, Orrin Hopkins received four wounds and was killed early today. Jake Carter, his adversary, was shot twice and is not expected to live.

The pistol battle was fought in Carter's home at Maxwellboro, this county, and after was brought to the Anniston Hospital.

It is said the trouble started over Carter's objection to the marriage of Hopkins and Carter's sister. The young woman, who witnessed the shooting, is prostrated. Both families are prominent in the community.

BRITISH BEAT TURKS TO BAKU OIL FIELDS

LONDON, Dec. 23.—British troops have reoccupied Baku and Batumi, in order to prevent the Turks from invading the Caucasus, said a Russian wireless dispatch from Moscow today. Baku and Batumi are in the heart of the oil fields.

FIRST pictures of John P. White (top) and Henry M. Robinson (bottom), recently appointed members of President Wilson's Coal Commission.



FEEL LOWER PRICES WILL CHECK UNREST

Officials Say Palmer's Message Has Already Caused Upward Trend to Stop.

Officials today were hopeful that Attorney General Palmer's statement that the Government's campaign to bring down prices has already stopped the upward trend, and that drops may be looked for will tend to discourage industrial troubles.

Practically all demands of labor are based on the plea that wages have not kept pace with living costs and officials believe by reducing prices, they will knock out this plea.

Palmer's statement issued late yesterday points out that prices since August have remained practically stationary. This, Palmer says, leads to the belief that there will soon be a sharp drop.

179 Proceedings Started.

Palmer also declared that delay by Congress in passing the amendment to the Lever act left the Government without adequate power to proceed against profiteers and hampered the price campaign.

Since passage of this amendment, Palmer said, 179 proceedings have been started and in each case convictions have been secured.

Retail dealers are entering agreements with the Department of Justice to lower the margin of profit and the prices of their goods, according to Mr. Palmer. Retail clothing dealers have made cuts ranging from 5 to 50 per cent, and shoe dealers are promising similar action.

The Attorney General is cautious and makes no extravagant claims. (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

PROMISES DECREASE IN H. C. L. IN FEBRUARY

Here's Secretary of Labor Wilson's Christmas present to the American public today:

Decrease in the cost of living is expected next February.

That is the belief of the Department of Labor's statistical bureau, which pointed out that February is the time of the year when cows give better and more milk, increasing the quality and quantity of butter and cheese. It is also the season when hens become prolific.

Notice—There is only one California Fruit Co. in Washington—located at 1220 G st. No other branch stores.—Adv.

PALMER FIRM IN COAL ISSUE

Declares Ways Will Be Found To See That All Parties Keep Faith.

OPERATORS MUST YIELD

Belief Grows They Will Accept Settlement Plan When Show Down Comes.

Final plans were being made today for the work of the coal commission appointed by President Wilson.

Despite the protests of the operators against the commission and the powers given it, the Administration is going ahead to reach a final settlement of the controversy and relying upon the operators to accept the final settlement plan.

Palmer Is Firm.

Should the operators balk, then the Administration is prepared to take steps to put the settlement plan in force. This is indicated by a statement from Attorney General Palmer, declaring "The Government will not assume that the operators will break faith, and ways will be found to see that all parties keep faith in this vitally important transaction. The commission will proceed with its work, and I have no doubt that upon further reflection the operators will see the wisdom of hearty co-operation with it."

Operators still in session here have been unable to agree on any definite course. Those members of the committee here declare they have no power to refuse the proposition put forward by the Government and attempts to secure such power by a long-distance telephone call of the operators they have not been altogether successful.

Operators to Yield.

There is every indication that when the showdown comes the operators will accept the settlement plan, although probably under protest. While they have been silent as to the personnel of the commission, it is known that one of the chief objections to it is the representation of the operators, Rembrandt Peale. Operators feel that Peale is not a representative operator, and has not sufficient intimate knowledge of the coal mining (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

Keeping Up With The Times

A FACT A DAY

TWO LETTERS.

1. Letter from Robert Greer, manager of the Haverford Cycle Co., of Philadelphia, manufacturers of the famous Black Beauty Bicycle, to Sigmund Cohn, manager of the Haverford Cycle Co., of Washington, distributors of the Black Beauty bicycle for this territory:

Dear Mr. Cohn: Will you please advise me the names of the newspapers from which you have obtained the best results from advertising.

Trusting that you have and are having good results from your advertising and that you will have success at this season of the year, I remain, Very truly yours, HAVERTON CYCLE CO., Robert Greer, Manager.

2. Letter from Mr. Cohn to Mr. Greer in reply: Dear Mr. Greer:

In reference to your letter of Dec. 12, wish to say that we have obtained the best results from advertising in The Washington Times. Yours very truly, HAVERTON CYCLE CO.

LLOYD GEORGE PLAN POLITICAL TRICK, SAYS DE VALERA

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Eamon De Valera, President of the republic of Ireland, looks with suspicion upon the new Irish home rule bill, outlined by Lloyd George in the British House of Commons yesterday.

"All I can say," he said, "is that the Irish people have accepted and acted upon the principle of self-determination and have shown that what they want is an independent Irish republic free from the domination of any imperial authority."

"We deny the right of any foreign statesman to dictate to the Irish people which form of government they shall live under. We do not want home rule or any other form of government dictated by the British people."

"It is my belief that this new parliamentary plan outlined by Lloyd George before the British Parliament is nothing more than another attempt of British politicians to fool the Irish people."

"If they really want to settle the Irish question, as they call it, the Irish people have shown them the solution."

"HOME RULE" PLAN SPURNED BY IRISH

Lloyd George Proposals Against Sinn Fein Fail to Satisfy Either Unionists or Nationalists.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Because of the rigid censorship in Ireland it was impossible today to get a line on public sentiment there regarding the home rule policy outlined in parliament yesterday by Lloyd George, but in England the press is divided in its views on the proposal.

The plan enunciated by the premier emphasizes the fact that the present administration is not disposed to grant freedom to Ireland, and that the two-parliamentary idea is destined to fail.

It is highly significant also that Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Ulster radicals, is opposed to the new plan, as he was to the last home rule bill which was shelved at the outbreak of the war, after it had been enacted, and subsequently abandoned by Lloyd George. The premier was accused of conniving with Carson in framing the last bill to insure it would not be accepted and this charge is being heard again.

Carson, in parliament yesterday, declared he still is convinced that the present united parliament is best for Ireland, Great Britain and the empire. He said if the Sinn Fein parliament captured the proposed Irish parliament they would proclaim a republic and annex Ulster.

Labor Party Investigating.

Arthur Henderson said that the Labor party would wait for the report of their mission, now investigating conditions in Ireland, before arriving at a definite conclusion. But he declared if the bill passed, it could only be regarded as a half-hearted and unsatisfactory compromise.

Henderson said he would have preferred to see a scheme of government (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

SUPREME COURT LEAK PROBE YIELDS RESULTS

Department of Justice Announces Investigation Progresses in Satisfactory Manner.

The program of interrogating new witnesses and re-examining those already questioned in the alleged "leak" of the Supreme Court decisions here, is taking its normal course and yielding results, Department of Justice officials let it be known today.

Word has reached the department that the probe into the Wall street and the other New York angles of the affair is likewise progressing in a satisfactory manner.

The scheme by which the Washington and New York speculators intended to make a clean-up of hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions, by trading in stocks which would be sent up or down by decisions of the Supreme Court here, has now been pretty thoroughly sifted by the bureau of investigation working under Assistant Attorney General Ames, and it is said, only a few minor details remain to be cleared up. "The case is slowly but surely coming to a head," is the way one official expressed it. "Little now remains to be done."

DANIELS WILL ANSWER SIMS

Navy Chief Preparing Statement on War Awards for Submission to Congress.

EXPLAINS METHODS USED

Secretary Also Recalls Criticisms Made After Spanish War and Vera Cruz Landing.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels today stated that he has received a letter from Admiral Sims, commander-in-chief of the American naval forces in European waters during the war, in which the admiral refused to accept the Distinguished Service Medal awarded to him. The Secretary said he had not replied to the letter.

Admiral Sims refused to accept the medal on ground that the awards had not been made according to the manner in which he believes they should have been made, and in justice to the men who served under him he cannot accept his.

Daniels' Statement.

Secretary Daniels issued the following statement as his only comment: "Last week I received a letter from Hon. C. S. Page, chairman of the Naval Affairs committee of the Senate, requesting the copy of the so-called Knight board's recommendation of awards."

"I called upon Senator Page's office and informed the secretary of his committee that the data was being collected, and as soon as it was ready I would be pleased to furnish it to him."

Data Being Prepared.

"Directions have been given to prepare a statement containing the following information:

"1—All recommendations for awards by admirals, captains, and other commanding officers. The Secretary will be awaited with utmost interest both at the White House and the State Department."

"2—The action of the board upon all recommendations and its complete report."

"3—The action taken by the department, as soon as this data is ready (it must be collected literally from reams of recommendations) it will be sent to Chairman Page and given to the public."

Wants Lists Compared.

"The board of awards did not approve all of the recommendations of the commanding officers. The Secretary did not approve of all of the recommendations of the board. He added names of officers and enlisted men who had performed conspicuous service. The only way that fair-minded men can judge the wisdom of the awards so far announced will be to compare the lists."

"After every war there are, of course, differences of opinion as to the awards of distinction. I remember the criticisms that were voiced (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

TABOR CHLOROFORM STORY LIE, SAY POLICE

Officials Declare Mother Has Confessed Daughter Died From Illegal Operation.

PAWPAW, Mich., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Sarah I. Tabor today confessed, county officials here declare, that her daughter, Maude Tabor, died as the result of an illegal operation which she alleged was performed by Maude's husband, Joseph Virgo. Death occurred in May, 1916, she said.

Mrs. Tabor admitted her stories about Maude dying of an overdose of chloroform were untrue, officers stated.

SOUSA TO TOUR EUROPE; TO BE GONE 16 MONTHS

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 23.—Uncle Sam's star bandmaster, Lieut. John Philip Sousa, is to leave America again, this time to be gone sixteen months.

Information of a foreign contract signed by Harry Askin, Sousa's manager, and business partner, was received here today in advance of the coming of Sousa's Band. Sousa is under contract to play eighteen weeks in London before beginning a tour of continental Europe early in next year.

Republicans to Find Out Pershing's Attitude On 1920 This Week

Gen. John J. Pershing, during his stay at Lincoln, Neb., the latter part of this week, will be asked to state definitely whether he will be a candidate for the Presidency, according to reports to the Republican National Committee today.

Friends of Pershing will urge that he enter the race, and representatives of the Nebraska Pershing for President Club will ask that they be allowed to start a boom, plans for which already have been made.

U. S. EMBASSY ACTS TO RELEASE GOBS

State Department Demands Carranza Put End to Outrages.

Representatives of the American consul at Matamoros having failed to obtain the release of Harry V. Leonard and Harry O. Martin, American sailors imprisoned since November 12, the American embassy at Mexico City today began negotiations with the Carranza government to liberate the jacks.

This action follows the note sent yesterday by the State Department demanding that the Mexican government stop outrages.

Reports now on file at the State Department reveal that the sailors arrested for an assault on a Mexican during a street fight have been held on various pretexts. No explanation has been made as to the nature of the "pretexts."

In view of the department's statement, in the case of the kidnaping of Frederick Hugo by Villistas, the note is believed to be a direct, unqualified assertion to Carranza that he made no effort in this case to protect American citizens.

His answers to the State Department have always been, in similar circumstances, that the "Federal forces are in pursuit of the bandits, or about to arrest the murderer."

It is the most possible charge that could be made against a foreign government, and Carranza's answer will be awaited with utmost interest both at the White House and the State Department.

The logical deduction of the message is that the United States may use other than diplomatic means if outrages against Americans continue within the border of the southern republic.

The absolute state of anarchy and banditry in certain parts of Mexico was emphasized by an official statement from the State Department telling of the attacks on railroad trains by desperadoes.

HOWAT RELEASED ON PLEDGE TO END STRIKE

President of Kansas Miners Allowed to Return to State and Start Mines Going.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas district of the United Mine Workers, was today released from jail and allowed to return to Kansas when he agreed to call off the strike of miners in his district.

EMPLOYES OF DISTRICT GRANTED XMAS HOLIDAY

District Government employees, excepting those whose services are absolutely necessary at the pumping station, will be off Christmas Day, the Commissioners have decided. Tomorrow afternoon the men and women who work inside of the District building will be granted a half day, but those who are on outside work will not be left off until 4:30.

The order providing for half-holiday tomorrow was misinterpreted by employees of the War Department and a second order, more explanatory, was issued this morning.

CALLED SLAYER AT 13.

ASHVILLE, N. C., Dec. 23.—Charged with killing his father in defense of his mother and helpless brothers and sisters, Edward Lail, said to be thirteen years old, is held without bail at Morganton, near here, following a coroner's inquest.

MAY CHANGE ARTICLE TEN

Hitchcock Believes Reservation Strengthening Power of Congress Acceptable.

REPUDIATES BARNEY BARUCH

Expresses Disbelief in Authority of Financier to Speak For White House.

Article Ten of the League of Nations is "the stumbling block" to a compromise on the peace treaty, Senator Hitchcock, administration leader, stated today.

President Wilson has agreed to accept a reservation to Article Ten which would prevent the use of the armed forces of the United States without the action of Congress. It was stated by those close to the White House, but they declared that this was as far as the President will go, and they stated that this was not a compromise but merely an interpretation of the original construction placed upon Article Ten by the President.

Baruch Is Presumptive.

Senator Hitchcock stated today that he was holding conferences with individual members of the Senate in an attempt to learn upon what basis a compromise may be reached.

Republican leaders were not hopeful that any compromise would be reached. "We are as far from ratification of the treaty now as we were when it was first presented in the Senate," Senator Borah of Idaho declared.

The efforts of Bernard M. Baruch, retired Wall Street broker, to force a compromise on the treaty reservations by representing himself to Senators as the bearer of President Wilson's views is causing Administration leaders much embarrassment.

Baruch, after talking with the President last Wednesday, went to the Capitol and delivered a message to the effect that to his great astonishment he had found the Chief Executive opposed to any form of compromise.

He then suggested that the mild reservationists go ahead, work out a plan of compromise and see what the President would do when given the option of accepting their plan or accepting responsibility for permitting the treaty to die.

"The result of this advice has caused a dilemma in circles where much confusion already existed. The Senators say they do not know what to do. Added to this is the admitted affront to the dignity of the Senate by being compelled to get such advice as come from the White House through a man whose only reputation reveals him as a Wall Street manipulator."

Wall Street Move Seen.

Senator Hitchcock, minority leader, in an apparent effort to shield the Administration, expressed the belief that Baruch was acting solely in the interests of Wall Street concerns and not authorized to speak for the President.

Incidentally it became known that at least one of the "mild reservationists" was very much incensed by what the President was reported by Baruch to have said with regard to the Senators in the "mild reservation" class.

Baruch told this Senator that the President had "spanked" the "mild reservation" Senators as roundly as he did the bitter-enders in the Treaty fight, and that he, the President, blamed the "mild" Senators as much as he did the irreconcilables for the defeat of the Treaty.

It is understood that whatever hope Baruch and the President may have of winning the vote of this Senator in favor of a compromise program has been dissipated by the President's characterization of the Senators in the class with which Baruch had chosen to deal.

Hitchcock Makes Denial.

Senator Hitchcock also took occasion today to deny that he had any connection with the efforts that have been put forth by Baruch to effect a compromise. The Senator said:

"My impression is that Baruch came down here to represent certain people in New York. I haven't seen him and know nothing about what he is doing beyond what I have read in the papers."

Several nights ago Senator Hitchcock met Baruch at a dinner of the Southern Society in New York after the Senator had made an address on the treaty. He said that Baruch told him at this time that it was important to have the treaty ratified as quickly as possible.

The Senator attached no importance